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SUBJECT: NEW MESSAGE FROM SOUVANNA TO SOUPHANOUVONG

1. OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE DECEMBER 17 CARRIED TEXT OF NEW OFFICIAL TELEGRAM FROM PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA TO HIS BROTHER SOUPHANOUVONG, LPF CHAIRMAN. TELEGRAM, DATED DECEMBER 14, ASSERTED THAT INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN VIENTIANE GUARANTEED NECESSARY SECURITY FOR LPF. IT REQUESTED SOUPHANOUVONG TO SEND SOUVANNA LIST OF LPF MINISTERS, AND DISPATCH PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE TO VIENTIANE TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF TELEGRAM:

2. BEGIN TEXT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF DECEMBER 7, RESPONDING TO MY TELEGRAM OF DECEMBER 3. WE ALSO CONSIDER THAT THE SECURITY AND NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE ARE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES, THE ICC AND NUMEROUS FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENTIANE CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT
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INDICATOR OF SECURITY WHICH THE LPF MUST TAKE INTO

ACCOUNT IN ITS ASSESSMENTS OF THIS QUESTION. SINCERITY
IN NEGOTIATIONS AND A DESIRE TO CONCLUDE THEM MUST TAKE
PRECEDENCE NOW OVER PROCEDURAL DETAILS. IN THIS REGARD,
I ESTIMATE THAT, FROM OUR SIDE, WE HAVE DONE MUCH UP
TO THE PRESENT TIME.
THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO PROCEED FURTHER IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION AS FACILITATED BY THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT
CENTRAL COMMISSION, AND TO CREATE AN IRREVERSIBLE
SITUATION, I REQUEST YOU TO SEND AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE
THE LIST OF YOUR CANDIDATES FOR VARIOUS MINISTERIAL
POSITIONS AND FOR THE POLITICAL COUNCIL. WE WOULD
ACCEPT YOUR DESIGNATION OF A PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
DURING THIS TIME, THE JOINT COMMISSION COULD CONCLUDE
THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURITY AND NEUTRALIZATION WHICH YOU APPARENTLY REQUIRE, BUT THE ESSENTIAL
THING IS TO MOVE FORWARD. END TEXT.
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